

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A shield material comprising:
a flexible element formed of a composite material ~~consisting~~ composed of an organic material and a dispersed material tungsten powder having a nuclear radiation-shielding ability; and a cloth-like sheet formed of a flame-resistant fiber selected from the group consisting of glass fiber, metal fiber, carbon fiber, and ceramic fiber and mixtures thereof;

wherein said flexible element is wrapped with said cloth-like sheet, ~~and~~
~~wherein said dispersed material is a tungsten powder.~~

2-3 (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (original) A shield material as defined in claim 1, wherein said cloth-like sheet is coated with an air-impermeable coating material.

6-9 (canceled)

10. (currently amended) A shielding material comprising a reinforcing member attached ~~onto~~ to a shielding element ~~consisting~~ composed of an ~~elastic~~ flexible polymeric

organic compound ~~in which is dispersed with a dispersed material~~ tungsten powder having a nuclear radiation-shielding ability[[,]] ;
~~wherein said dispersed material is a tungsten powder; and~~
wherein said reinforcing member is attached to said shielding element ~~in such a manner as to be~~ by being compression-bonded thereto.

11. (currently amended) A shielding material comprising a reinforcing member attached ~~ento~~ to a shielding element ~~consisting~~ composed of ~~an elastic~~ a flexible polymeric organic compound in which is dispersed ~~a material~~ a tungsten powder having a nuclear radiation-shielding ability[[,]] ; ~~wherein said dispersed material is a tungsten powder; and~~
wherein said reinforcing member is attached to said shielding element ~~in such a manner as to be~~ by being compression-bonded thereto between two divided pieces of said shielding element.

12. (currently amended) A shielding material comprising a reinforcing member attached ~~ento~~ to a shielding element ~~consisting~~ composed of ~~an elastic~~ a flexible polymeric organic compound dispersed with ~~a dispersed material~~ tungsten powder having a nuclear radiation-shielding ability, and a cloth-like sheet which is wrapped around and bonded to the integral structure of said shielding element and said attached reinforcing member ~~attached thereto; wherein said dispersed material is a tungsten powder; and~~ wherein said cloth-like sheet is interweaved with a high-strength flame resistant fiber ~~which is either one~~ selected from the group consisting of glass fiber, metal fiber, carbon fiber, ~~and nylon~~ ceramic fiber and mixtures thereof.

13. (currently amended) A shield material as defined in claim 1, wherein said composite material ~~consists essentially~~ has about of 60% dispersed material and about 40% organic material.

14. (currently amended) A shield shielding material as defined in claim 10, wherein ~~said dispersed material is a tungsten powder and said elastic~~ flexible polymeric organic

compound ~~consists~~ is composed of one of an ~~elastomer~~ elastomeric resin ~~or~~ and a vulcanized rubber.

15. (currently amended) A ~~shield~~ shielding material as defined in claim 10, wherein said reinforcement member is ~~at least one~~ selected from the group consisting of a film made of polyethylene, nylon or metal, and wire mesh formed of nylon fiber or metal fiber.

16. (currently amended) A ~~shield~~ shielding material as defined in claim 10, wherein said reinforcement member has a surface formed with at least one protrusion and is one of a plate-shaped or and rod-shaped member ~~having a surface formed with at least one protrusion~~.

17. (currently amended) A ~~shield~~ shielding material as defined in claim 16, wherein said protrusion prevents the shielding element from being bent beyond a given bending angle.

18. (new) A shielding material as defined in claim 12, wherein said cloth-like sheet is coated with an air-impermeable coating material.